

February 27, 1981

LB 354, 55

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: The bill is advanced. We now move to LB 55.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 55. (Title read.) The bill was read on January 9. It was referred to Judiciary. It was advanced to General File. There are no amendments on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is a very simple bill. It simply clarifies or amends the current state statute to allow retired judges as well as judges currently sitting on the bench to perform marriages. The proposal, I was not aware that a retired judge could not perform a marriage but that currently is the interpretation that has been given to the section on the authority of a judge to perform a marriage. The reason for the bill really is to allow these individuals to perform those marriages. Some individuals have informed me that they have difficulty finding judges who have the time to perform some of these marriages so maybe we can just look at this as a retirement bill or something, allow a judge to supplement his income or something, but seriously I do think there is no reason that a retired judge should not be able to perform marriages and it is a very simple proposal and I hope you would adopt it and advance it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, Mr. President, I wonder if Senator Cullan would respond to a question please.

SENATOR CULLAN: Yes, Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Senator Cullan, I was just sitting here wondering if perhaps you had some personal interest in this, that you were getting ready to do something the rest of the body didn't know about?

SENATOR CULLAN: Well, Senator Vickers, at this point in time, I certainly don't have any plans, and if I did, my mother would kill me if I didn't get married in the church, so...

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you, Sam.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Any further discussion on LB 55? The motion is the advancement of the bill to E & R for review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Clerk, record the vote.